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K-92/Centennial Bridge Repair Project Set to Begin in Leavenworth County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, May 2**, a repair project will begin on the K-92/Centennial Bridge spanning the Missouri River in Leavenworth (Leavenworth County). Repair work on the bridge will include: concrete surface repairs on the piers, structural repairs to various elements of the structural steel, steel plate guardrail installation, and bridge painting. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday, during daylight hours.

Beginning on **Monday, May 2 at approximately 9:00 a.m.,** eastbound and westbound K-92 traffic over the Centennial Bridge will be restricted to one lane total for both directions. Traffic will be directed across the bridge through the project work zone by temporary traffic signals located on either end of the bridge. Only one direction of traffic will be allowed to cross the bridge at any given time. The one lane traffic restriction across the bridge is scheduled to be in place through late November 2011. Traffic will be restricted to one 12-foot wide lane across the bridge.

Also, beginning on **Monday, May 2,** the right lane on eastbound Metropolitan Avenue will be designated as a "Right Lane Must Turn Right" lane only for the duration of the project. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures. Updated traffic information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect some delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Alternate routes include using the Amelia Earhart Bridge over the Missouri River on US-59 in Atchison (KS) and then follow Amelia Earhart Road south or by crossing on I-435 and taking Wolcott Road/K-5 into Leavenworth County. Local traffic is encouraged to use 7th Street or 10th Street to access the Fort Leavenworth Main Gate, or 20th Street to access the Hancock Gate. (See the detailed map below for alternate routes.)

Additional traffic impacts for the project include the complete closure of the bridge for the jacking of the bridge to replace some structural members. These closures will occur over two weekends, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and reopening to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on the following Monday morning. These closures are tentatively scheduled to occur in early 2012. Notice of these weekend closures will be provided via a news release well in advance of the scheduled closures. Marked detours will be provided during the weekend closures.

APAC-Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$2.683 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early June 2012.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754.

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